

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 195237

47

ORIGIN AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 SS-15 DODE-00 SP-02 NSC-05

CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 L-03 AID-05 OMB-01 IGA-01 /050 R

DRAFTED BY DOD/ISA/OSD:COL.NSIEGLER:NB:VRD

APPROVED BY P:JJSISCO

AF:EMULCAHY

AF/E:RSBARRETT

AF/I:MCOYKENDALL

PM:DJAMES

S/S- MR. BORG

DSAA/GEN.FISH

----- 092348

P 161821Z AUG 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

USCINCEUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 195237

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, ET, US

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF US-ETHIOPIAN SECURITY ASSIST-
ANCE RELATIONSHIP

1. INCREASING NUMBER OF UNRESOLVED SECURITY ASSISTANCE
ISSUES BECOMING MATTER OF CONCERN WITHIN DEPARTMENT AND
DOD. APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US AND ETHIOPIANS
HOLD POTENTIAL FOR AGGRAVATING RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE
BECOME HYPER-SENSITIVE TO FUNCTIONING OF ITS MILITARY
COMPONENT. REVIEW OF PAST YEAR'S COMBINED CASH/CREDIT/
GRANT PROGRAM REVEALS PATTERN OF INFLATED ETHIOPIAN
REQUEST FOLLOWED BY SUBSTANTIAL AND EXPEDITED US RESPONSE
FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ETHIOPIAN REQUEST FOR EVEN GREATER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 195237

QUANTITIES WITHIN SAME OR SHORTER RESPONSE TIME. TRAINING

AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT CONSIDERATIONS ARE CONSISTENTLY EXCLUDED IN ETHIOPIAN RECKONING OF DESIRED DELIVERY SCHEDULES. IN RECENT MONTHS, ETHIOPIA HAS SOUGHT TO BLAME US FOR DELAYS OCCASIONED BY MALFUNCTIONING WITHIN EPMG DECISION APPARATUS. RECENT GAMBIT OF SUSPENDING F5E AND TPS-43D RADAR TRANSACTIONS PENDING F5A DELIVERIES SUGGESTS REVISAL OF FONMIN SUMMER 1974 "TOTAL PACKAGE - ALL OR NOTHING" TACTIC. WHILE RECOGNIZING ETHIOPIAN PROPENSITY FOR EXCESSIVE AND SELF-

CONFOUNDING "GAMESMANSHIP," SEVERAL TRANSACTIONS ARE BEING JEOPARDIZED BY CONTINUING ETHIOPIAN FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE FACTORS CONSTRAINING US RESPONSES. EVEN ASSUMING EVENTUAL RESOLUTION OF ISSUES BY PROTRACTED HAGGLING, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT NET GAIN FOR EITHER PARTY WILL OUTWEIGH ACRIMONY GENERATED. MOST CONTENTIOUS AND PERPLEXING OF THESE ISSUES ARE SUMMARIZED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE, WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND TWO/THREE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SPECIALISTS TO ADDIS ABABA IN MID-SEPTEMBER TO ASSIST MISSION IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT BY AUGUST 22 OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES MENTIONED SEPTTEL AND ANY OTHERS THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN OUR EFFORTS TO PUT FUTURE TRANSACTION WITH EPMG ON MORE BUSINESSLIKE BASIS.

3. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED SEPTTEL IN AN AIDE MEMORIE TO PMG IN ORDER TO PUT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION ON RECORD. SISCO

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY EQUIPMENT, MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: woolflhd
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE195237
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: COL.NSIEGLER:NB:VRD
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750284-0299
From: STATE JOINT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750845/aaaabnbx.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: woolflhd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 AUG 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <17 DEC 2003 by woolflhd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ASSESSMENT OF US-ETHIOPIAN SECURITY ASSIST- ANCE RELATIONSHIP
TAGS: MASS, ET, US
To: ADDIS ABABA USCINCEUR
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006